



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: October 24, 2012

To: PUBLIC SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS & HEALTH COMMITTEE
Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: TWIN CITIES PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper City officials to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement between 17 Twin Cities jurisdictions for response in public health and environmental health emergencies for the period of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2017.

Previous Directives:

July 21, 2006 Council approval to enter into the first metro public health Mutual Aid Agreement through 2011; November 18, 2011 approval to extend through 2012.

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Approved by:

Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Not Applicable X
Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X Other financial impact (Explain): City is responsible for all expenses for its personnel, equipment, and other resources voluntarily provided to another jurisdiction in an emergency, similar to the mutual aid agreements already in place for police and fire. Whenever applicable, the City will request reimbursement from FEMA or others.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The department is requesting to enter into a second multi-year public health mutual aid agreement with other metro jurisdictions involved in providing public health and environmental health services. The Mutual Aid Agreement may be implemented by any of the 17 parties participating in this Agreement, the parties having determined that it is in their best interests to assist one another in the event of an emergency, training, drill or exercise. Emergencies may occur in the future which will require local public health entities to come to the aid and assistance of other local public health entities, and the intent of this agreement is to make personnel, equipment, and other resources available to

regional political subdivisions. The City utilized the Mutual Aid Agreement in May 2011 for assistance in staffing the Disaster Recovery Center following the north side tornado.

Signers to the Agreement:

Anoka County	City of Bloomington
Carver County	City of Brooklyn Park
Dakota County	City of Edina
Hennepin County	City of Maplewood
Ramsey County	City of Minneapolis
Scott County	City of Minnetonka
Washington County	City of St. Paul
	City of Richfield
University of Minnesota	City of Wayzata